

PBC NEWSLETTER

21, 25, 28 DECEMBER 2025

"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples of Jesus, Together"

VISITING WITH US

Mere Kirihimete!

A warm welcome to visitors and guests joining us today. Do join us after the service so we can chat with you.

If you fill in a communication card found on the information table we can keep you updated with church news.

For Health and Safety reasons we ask that parents kindly keep an eye on their children at all times as there are no children's programs happening over the holidays.

There is an area at the rear of the church for parents with babies. Activity Packs are available to pick up at the front of the church for primary age children to bring back to their seats.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Pre Service Prayer 9.30am

21 December 2025 10am

Red Sunday

The Christmas Story 3. Mary -Joy

Luke 1:39-49

Ps Andrew

Baptisms of Khanyi Khoza and Jerome Mesa

24 December 2025 7pm

Christmas Eve Outdoor Carol Singing

(If the weather is wet or windy we will move inside)

25 Dec Christmas Day 10am

The Christmas Story 4. Jesus -Love

Matthew 1:18-25

Ps Andrew

28 Dec Christmas Day 10am

Thanksgiving End of Year Service

Psalm 111

Ps Andrew

Don't forget our Christmas Appeal!



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

PASTOR'S PEN

Christmas Greetings!

A special welcome to everyone joining us for Christmas Week! It is our joy and pleasure to have you take part in our worship services.

Christmas is a very special event because it reminds us of one of the deep truths of the universe. With many things in life, particularly once we have left home, we have to do it for ourselves. We have to find a job. We may look, God willing, for a spouse. We have to save our money for the future. We have to look after our health. We expend all kinds of energy to achieve what we want and need -and honestly sometimes it's an effort. Sometimes it feels like if we don't look after ourselves, no one else will.

But the deep truth is that someone already cares for you and they have gone to a great deal of effort. The Creator provided us with this beautiful world we live in. He designed us for a fulfilling relationship with Him. When we broke faith with Him, He sent His only Son to put things right and to provide a way back to Him. The Bible says God has watched over us every step of our lives, even when we could not see Him. *"This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins" (1 John 4:10).* Let's celebrate the loving kindness of God this Christmas, and if you have never given your life to God, I invite you to pray the prayer written in this newsletter.

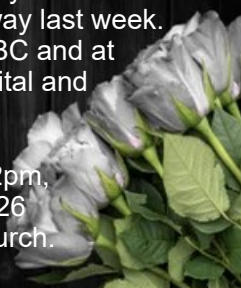
God's blessings from all of us at PBC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Nicole Slammat and Jerome Mesa have applied for membership of PBC. Please pass comments, feedback and support to the Elders Board by Sunday, 28 December 2025.

CONDOLENCES

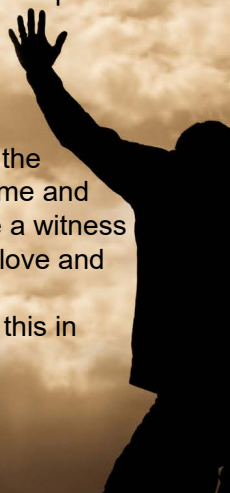
Our sympathy to the family of Jack Van Kampen, who passed away last week. Jack was a stalwart of PBC and at 101 years of age had a vital and living faith. A memorial thanksgiving service for Jack's life will be held at 2pm, Saturday, 31 January 2026 at Pakuranga Baptist Church.



SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God and you came from heaven to teach, suffer and die on a cross for me. I believe that you rose from the dead and you are alive, and you are Lord of the universe. I confess that I have sinned against you and others, but now I turn away from my past and I look to You. You paid the penalty of my sins by giving up your life for me. Now, as I give my life to you, please live your life in Me.

I pray that You and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, will come and live in me. I give my life to You to do Your will and not my will. Help me to trust in all the promises that You have written to me in the Bible. Lord Jesus please baptize me in the Holy Spirit and fill me with your presence. Grant me the strength and the faith to accomplish the plans and the destiny that You have for me and give me the courage to be a witness for You. Fill me with Your love and compassion for people so I can be like You, I ask all this in Jesus name, Amen.



**BBQ SHARED LUNCH AND GAMES
SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026**



On Sunday 4 January, we will be having a BBQ shared lunch at church with fun filled children's activities after the service. Please kindly bring a salad or dessert to share with everyone. It needs to be enough for your family and at least two other people. For more info, please contact David Ee on 021 642930 or via email: events@pakbapt.org.nz.

**CHURCH PICNIC SATURDAY
24 JANUARY 2026**



On Sunday 24 January, we will have our usual on-site service and afterwards we will head over to our church picnic at Eastern Beach, near the Boat Ramp. Please kindly bring a dish, and a drink to share with everyone. It needs to be enough for your family and two other people. Also bring along your beach gear! For more info, please contact David Ee on 021 642930 or via email: events@pakbapt.org.nz.

OFFICE NEWS

The church office officially closes on Wednesday, 24 December and reopens on Tuesday, 13 January 2026. Ps Andrew is on leave from 2-10 January. Please contact a ministry leader or an Elder if you need assistance during this time.

**PBC AMAZING RACE
AND PICNIC SOCIAL EVENT
SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026**

FUN SOCIAL
ACTIVITIES

SECRET
LOCATION

THE
**AMAZING
RACE**

**SATURDAY
17 JAN 2026
10AM - 2PM**

SHARED
PICNIC
LUNCH

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, AND WEAR WALKABLE SHOES, CASUAL CLOTHES, AND BEACH GEAR. ALL ARE WELCOME! FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US.

PBC is thrilled to host the Amazing Race and Picnic social event. The Amazing Race is a fun and relaxing time to share kotahitanga (unity) as we fellowship and work together collaboratively.

We will meet at church to start the event, hold the race and then have a picnic with a shared lunch, and some fun social activities for all ages to do at a secret location afterwards. For those who want to join us in the shared picnic lunch and fun social activities at our secret location, please register your attendance, and we will contact you directly. For more info, please email events@pakbapt.org.nz. Scan the QR Code to register online or go to this link: <https://forms.gle/4etJ6YGrVbEUQiiQA>, by Sunday 11th January at 5 pm, or Monday 12th January 2026 at 5 pm at the latest, so we can arrange the logistics for our event.

PRAYER @ PBC

Monday Night Prayer | 7.30pm

Monday night prayer meeting is finished for the year and will start again on Monday, 19th January 2026.
We do not meet on public holidays.

Sunday Pre-Service Prayer | 9.30am

Meet in the Prayer Room

After the service - Front of stage

Look for the Prayer Team wearing the red lanyards.

Prayer Chain

Please email prayer requests to Andrew Brown, andrew.brown@pakbapt.org.nz

YOUTH YEAR 9-13

We have wrapped up for the year and will meet again in February 2026.

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35 YEARS

ZEAL, YYA, CUTIE-FRUITY AND REVOLUTION

We have wrapped up for the year and will meet again in February 2026.

FINANCE AND OFFERINGS

We encourage regular online giving. Tithes and offerings can be made by online banking to the church bank account: 12-3056-0656934-00.

Particulars Field: legal name and surname,

Code Field: your Contributor Number,

Reference Field:

only use if this is a special offering, e.g. missions, compassionate fund. For a giving number please contact the church at office@pakbapt.org.nz

CONNECT GROUPS

CONNECT GROUPS	DAY	WHEN	TIME	LEADER
Prayer	Mon	weekly	7.30pm	Simon Christophers 021 260 7749
Women's Group	Wed	weekly	10.30am	Adele Swears 273 5439
Zeal Young Adults	Wed	weekly	7pm	Mark Lewis 022 167 7975
Revolution	Wed	weekly	7.30pm	David Chou 021 664 743
YYA Young Young Adults	Thur	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachael & George 022 130 9398(R) 022 095 8662(G)
Cutie-Fruity Young Adults	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Iupita Loto-Aso 021 089 20461
Worship Teams	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Andrew Chessum 027 678 7744
Meet Up	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachel Chou 021 210 0839
FHL	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Albert Lee 027 627 5111

For more information contact Colleen at the church office:
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GOOD NEWS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

29 NOVEMBER – 25 DECEMBER 2025

'We can do a lot to help others not only in our own community, but around the world this Christmas. This year the PBC Good News Christmas Appeal is pleased to support the following:

AROTAH (NZ BAPTIST MISSIONS)

Last year we supported Brian and Gay Cochran as they went to Bangladesh to renew our 140 year old partnership with the Bangladeshi Baptist Union. This year we want to support Sam and Jasmine -the first new workers to go out.

LAUNCHPAD - BIBLE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Launchpad is a weekly, 30-minute, fun and interactive presentation using korero, multimedia, music and games that presents Christian values to help children navigate in an ever changing world. It operates in many of our local schools with the support of teachers from our church.

COMPASSIONATE FUND – FAMILY ASSISTANCE

PBC operates a Compassionate Fund which supports low income people needing emergency support and helps to subsidise marriage and personal counselling sessions at Pakuranga Counselling Centre.

In addition, we are collecting items for All Saints Foodbank, Howick. Donations of dry food/cans/long life items, toiletries, nappies and wipes and sanitary products would be wonderful. All items must be within their "Best Before" or "Use By" dates please. Place them by the office window in the container provided. These will be delivered to All Saints Foodbank to support families over the summer period.

"Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God." Hebrews 13:16. Thank you.

Cash donations to support the above groups can be made either by using the envelope provided on the Welcome Table or by banking online with the words 'Good News' in the Reference Field. PBC's bank account 12-3056-0656934-00.